

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A contents reproduction method executed by a contents reproduction apparatus that reproduces for reproducing content data, the contents reproduction method comprising:

a step of obtaining the content data, the content data including a plurality of resources, the plurality of resources including at least one main resource and including at least one sub resource, the main resource, having license associated therewith that needs to be locked, being data that includes a main part of contents, and the sub resource, which is a different entity from the main resource and having a license associated therewith that does not need to be locked, being data that is associated with the main resource and that includes related information associated with the main part of the contents and that is a different entity from that of the main resource;

a step of obtaining license information for the content data, the license information being required for reproducing each of the main resource and the sub resource;

a step of reproducing at least one of the main resource and the sub resource; and

a step of (i) prohibiting, during said reproduction of the main resource, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the main resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof, and (ii) permitting, during said reproduction of the sub resource, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the sub resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction method according to claim 6, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the main resource; and

the contents reproduction method further comprises:

a step of updating the license information to reflect said reproduction of the main resource in the use state information included therein, the license information being updated when said reproduction of the main resource is finished; and

a step of permitting, after said updating, the start of reproducing the resource that has been prohibited by said prohibiting.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended) A contents reproduction device for reproducing content data, the contents reproduction device comprising:

a contents storing memory-unit that stores the content data that includes a plurality of resources, the plurality of resources including at least one main resource and including at least one sub resource, the main resource, having a license associated therewith that needs to be locked, being data that includes a main part of contents, and the sub resource, which is a different entity from the main resource and having a license associated therewith that does not needs to be locked, being data that is associated with the main resource and that includes related information associated with the main part of the contents is a different entity from that of the main resource;

a license storing memory-unit that stores license information for the content data, the license information being required for reproducing each of the main resource and the sub resource;

a reproducing unit that reproduces at least one of the main resource and the sub resource; and

a license managing unit that (i) prohibits, during the reproduction of the main resource by the reproducing unit, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the main resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof, and (ii) permits, during the reproduction of the sub resource by the reproducing unit, a start of reproducing a resource that is different from the sub resource being reproduced and that requires the license information for reproduction thereof.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction device according to claim 8, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the content data; and

the license managing unit (i) updates the license information to reflect the reproduction of the main resource in the use state information when the reproduction of the main resource is finished, and (ii) permits, after the updating of the license information, the start of reproducing the resource that has been prohibited by the license managing unit.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction device according to claim 8, wherein:

the main resource includes a motion picture; and

the sub resource includes a still picture and does not include a motion picture.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction device according to claim 10, wherein:

the sub resource includes a plurality of still pictures that are associated with the main resource and that have been encrypted;

the contents reproduction device further comprises:

 a decryption unit that decrypts the plurality of still pictures collectively to generate a plurality of decrypted still pictures; and
 a cache unit that stores the plurality of decrypted still pictures; and
the reproducing unit, when reproducing the sub resource, reads one or more still pictures from the plurality of decrypted still pictures stored in the cache unit and reproduces the read one or more still pictures.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction device according to claim 11, wherein the decryption unit is tamper resistant

Claim 13 (Previously Presented) The contents reproduction device according to claim 11, wherein:

the plurality of still pictures are collectively compressed, and the plurality of collectively compressed still pictures are encrypted; and

the decryption unit decrypts the plurality of encrypted still pictures collectively to obtain the plurality of collectively compressed still pictures, and extracts the plurality of decrypted still pictures from the plurality of compressed still pictures.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended) The contents reproduction apparatus according to claim 8, wherein:

the license information includes use state information indicating a use state of the content data;

the license managing unit updates the use state information based on a reproduction of each of the plurality of resources; and

~~when updating the use state information, the license managing unit updates does not update the use state information only when terminating a reproduction of the main resource to reflect the reproduction of the sub resource.~~